

Screenings and Immunizations for Children and Teenagers

Remember: Recommended preventive health services are covered at no cost to you on all Marketplace plans.

Screenings and immunizations are an important part of taking care of your child's overall health. While it can be difficult keep track of which vaccines they have had and which ones they need, it is important to keep children up-to-date on immunizations to help prevent serious illnesses.

The recommended screenings and immunizations may vary depending upon where you live, your child's health, your family's medical history, the type of vaccine and the vaccines available. It is important to check with your doctor about the specific immunizations and screenings that are right for your child. Some of the vaccines may be given as part of a combination vaccine so that your child gets fewer shots. Below is a general list of recommended immunizations and screenings that your child may need throughout childhood and adolescence.

Recommended Screenings

- Hearing screening for all newborns
- Autism screening for children at 18 and 24 months
- Vision screening for all children
- Depression screening for adolescents
- Behavioral assessments for children at the following ages: 0 to 11 months, 1 to 4 years, 5 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 17 years
- Height, Weight and Body Mass Index measurements for children at the following ages: 0 to 11 months, 1 to 4 years, 5 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 17 years

Recommended Immunizations by Age

Birth

- HBV: Hepatitis B vaccine (a second dose should be administered one-to-two months after the first)

2 months

- DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine
- Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine
- IPV: Inactivated poliovirus vaccine
- PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Rota: Rotavirus vaccine

4 months

- DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine
- Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine
- IPV: Inactivated poliovirus vaccine
- PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Rota: Rotavirus vaccine

6 months

- DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine
- Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine
- IPV: Inactivated poliovirus vaccine
- PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Rota: Rotavirus vaccine

6-18 months

- Influenza: Flu vaccine
- HBV: Hepatitis B vaccine
- IPV: Inactivated poliovirus vaccine

12-15 months

- Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine
- MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine
- PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Varicella: Chickenpox vaccine

12-23 months

- HAV: Hepatitis A vaccine, given as two shots at least six months apart
- 15-18 months
- DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine

4-6 years

- DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine
- IPV: Inactivated poliovirus vaccine
- MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine
- Varicella: Chickenpox vaccine

7-10 years

- Influenza: Flu vaccine

11-12 years

- Tdap: Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis booster
- HPV: Human papillomavirus vaccine, given as three shots over 6 months and recommended for both girls and boys
- MCV4: Meningococcal disease vaccine, which prevents meningococcal disease
- Influenza: Flu vaccine

13-18 years

- MCV4: Meningococcal disease vaccine (a booster is recommended at age 16)
- Influenza: Flu vaccine